



## Minnesota Ag News – Mink

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### UNITED STATES, MINNESOTA PELT PRODUCTION UP FROM 2010

**PELT PRODUCTION:** Total state production for 2011 totaled 214,060 mink pelts, up 7 percent from 199,730 pelts in 2010 according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Minnesota ranks fifth in 2011 pelt production behind Wisconsin, Utah, Idaho and Oregon.

**Mink pelt production** in the United States in 2011 totaled 3.09 million pelts, up 9 percent from 2010. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 1,050,580 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 698,960 pelts.

**Value of pelts produced** in the United States during the 2011 production year was \$292 million, up 25 percent from \$233 million a year ago. The average price per pelt was \$94.30, up \$12.40 from \$81.90 in 2010.

**2011 Pelt Production by Color Class<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>Total Pelts</b> <i>Number</i>	<b>Black</b> <i>Number</i>	<b>Demi-Wild</b> <i>Number</i>	<b>Blue Iris</b> <i>Number</i>	<b>Mahogany</b> <i>Number</i>
<b>US</b>	3,091,470	1,592,300	95,070	291,820	786,500
<b>MN</b>	214,060	63,000	34,000	25,000	85,000

<sup>1</sup> Published color classes may not add to National or State total.

**BRED FEMALES:** Minnesota ranks fourth in total number of females bred to produce kits in 2012 - behind Wisconsin, Utah, and Idaho. Minnesota females bred for 2012, at 59,420, are up 12 percent from 2011. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2012 by color class: Mahogany at 39 percent, Black at 30 percent, and Blue Iris at 11 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 20 percent.

Nationally, female mink bred to produce kits in 2012 totaled 769,970, up 9 percent from the previous year. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2012 by color class is as follows: Black at 51 percent, Mahogany at 25 percent, and Blue Iris at 9 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 15 percent.

**Mink farms producing pelts** in 2011 totaled 268, up 1 percent from a year ago.